

# Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree:

## Program Description:

The Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer Degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Political Science or a related major in the California State University (CSU) system. It is accepted by some but not all CSU campuses. Students who complete this degree and transfer to a participating CSU campus will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. It may not be appropriate preparation for students transferring to a CSU campus that does not accept the degree. Students who plan to complete this degree should consult a counselor for additional information about participating CSU campuses as well as university admission, degree and transfer requirements.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with a counselor to determine which general education option is most appropriate for their individual educational goals.

## Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion the student will be able to:

- Critically analyze the study of human behavior as it relates to political situations in college-level essays, written assignments, and research papers.
- Identify and describe main concepts in the study of political science including but not limited to political power, sovereignty, nation-state; legitimacy; authority, political culture, political socialization, political ideology; social contract; separation of powers; federalism; unitary system; rule of law and globalization.

**Note:** It is recommended that students intending to transfer to San Diego State University (SDSU) in Political Science should complete the courses marked with a "#". Students intending to transfer into this major at other CSUs should consult a counselor and visit [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for guidance on appropriate coursework.

\*Course also fulfills general education requirements for the CSU GE or IGETC pattern.

# This course fulfills SDSU's lower division preparation for the major in Political Science under the TMC.

**General Education:** In addition to the courses listed above, students must complete one of the following general education options:

- The IGETC pattern is accepted by all CSU campuses and most UC campuses and majors. It is also accepted by some private/independent or out of state universities.
- The CSU GE pattern is accepted by all CSU campuses and some private/independent or out of state universities. It is not accepted by the UC system.

**Electives as needed to meet maximum of 60 CSU-transferable units required for the degree.**

## Career Options:

Careers related to this field typically require education beyond the associate degree level and some may require a graduate degree.

Courses Required for the Major:		Units
POLI 102	The American Political System *#	3

**Select three courses (9 semester units) from the following:** (It is recommended that students select courses that meet lower division major preparation requirements for their transfer university.)

POLI 101	Introduction to Political Science *#	3
POLI 103	Comparative Politics *#	3
POLI 140	Contemporary International Politics *#	3
PSYC 258	Behavioral Science Statistics *# <b>or</b>	
MATH 119	Elementary Statistics *#	3

**Select two courses (6 semester units) if not selected above from the following:** (It is recommended that students select courses that meet lower division major preparation requirements for their transfer university.)

ACCT 116A	Financial Accounting	4
ANTH 103	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology *	3
BUSE 140	Business Law and the Legal Environment	3
ECON 120	Principles of Macroeconomics *	3
ECON 121	Principles of Microeconomics *	3
ENGL 105	Composition and Literature *	3
ENGL 205	Critical Thinking and Intermediate Composition *	3
GEOG 102	Cultural Geography *	3
HIST 101	World History II *	3
HIST 105	Introduction to Western Civilization I * 3	

HIST 106	Introduction to Western Civilization II *	3
PEAC 102	Nonviolence and Conflict Resolution *	3
POLI 101	Introduction to Political Science *#	3
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**Total Units = 18-19**

### **Course Requirements for Transfer Students**

Students who plan to transfer to a four year college or university and earn a bachelor's degree in this discipline should consult with a counselor or visit the Transfer/Career Center to determine the appropriate major preparation courses for their specific transfer institution and major. Transfer students may also earn an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences with an emphasis. This degree may be individually tailored to each student's specific transfer requirements in order to provide the most efficient path to transfer. More information on transfer programs and procedures is available in the Transfer Programs section of the catalog.